

NEW BELL FOR THE MARION-STREET TOWER.—The Street Commissioner yesterday awarded the contract for furnishing a new bell for the Marion-street tower to Eber, Jones & Co., \$930. The metal of the bell, weighing 1,000 pounds is to be taken by the contractor at 29 cents per pound. There were four bids, not differing more than \$10 from the successful one.

MARRIAGES AND BIRTHS.—The number of births and marriages reported monthly to the City Inspector is on the increase. The Roman Catholic clergy here totally disregard the requirements of the ordinance regarding the registration of marriages. They refuse to respect the City Inspector's notices and the city ordinances. Does not the same rule apply here as in the case of the delinquent manure dealer, Savage? In April, the marriages reported numbered 233, births 525; in May, the marriages were 822, and the births 1,781.

A LESSON.—Mr. J. S. Savage, the keeper of the extensive manure-dumping ground at the foot of the rocks in East Third-street, was brought before Judge Quackenbush last week for disregarding the notice of the City Inspector requiring him, in accordance with the decision of the Board of Health, to remove his business to some locality where it will not offend the sensibilities of the citizens. At the instance of the City Inspector, the Health Warden of the Twenty-first Ward made the complaint. Ample time had been given the manure dealer, and on Saturday he appeared to answer. He put in the plea of guilty, and Judge Quackenbush imposed a fine of \$250, and sent the delinquent thirty days to the Tombs.

The lesson will, beyond doubt, be duly considered by other obnoxious manure dealers and their political associates, who insist that the City Inspector shall not proceed in the prosecution of his duties.

QUARTERLY REPORT OF THE STREET COMMISSIONER.—The Street Commissioner has sent his second quarterly report for 1866 to the Common Council. Resolutions were drawn on the Controller for \$165,601 46, in the Bureau of Street Improvements, the sum of \$88,231 was expended; in the Bureau of Wharves, \$15,787 49; Roads, \$27,335; Lands and Places, \$11,544 66; Lamps and Gas, \$105,956 43; Fire Department, \$21,848 46; Repairs and Supplies, \$83,300 06; by the Superintendent, and \$56,392 25 by the Deputy. Transmitted to Collector of Assessments, late amounting to \$90,301 23; to late City Chamberlain, \$40,675 08; to the new Chamberlain, \$38,331 49; returned to Bureau of Arrears, \$16,241 99; leaving a total uncollected balance of \$154,981 20.

SEVENTH REGIMENT ENCAMPMENT.—Many hundreds of persons visited "Camp Scott" yesterday, and the boats and cars at every trip were well patronized. The only inconvenience experienced by visitors is in reaching the Camp after leaving the cars, the depot being about a mile and a half distant from the encampment. The road is exceedingly dusty, great clouds of which constantly fill the air. Vehicles of every description have been put in requisition by some enterprising persons, and passengers are conveyed between the Camp and depot for a shilling a head. The walk is not very long, but riding or walking in the dust is almost overpowering.

Among the visitors to the camp yesterday were ex-Col. L. W. Stevens of the old 27th Regiment, Col. Van Buren, C. J. Gibbons, and Mr. Siddons. The former dined with Brigadier-General Shumway (the officer of the day) and the staff officers in the mess tent.

It is greatly to be regretted that the regiment is so poorly represented, and visitors remark the scarcity of soldiers on the daily parades, and about the camp grounds during the day.

Instead of remaining at camp during the prescribed time for encampment, the soldiers are constantly going backward and forward between New-York and the island. At this season the merchants are engaged in taking account of stock, which fact will account for the small attendance at camp, as the great majority of the members are engaged in mercantile business. It is expected that the Regiment will be reviewed some time this week by Governor Morgan, but nothing is yet known positively on the subject.

On Friday the Chicago Zouaves are expected to visit the camp. They will be received with a salute and other honors. On the evening of that day there will probably be a grand ball, on which occasion the camp will be brilliantly illuminated.

The evening parade last night was very slim, and the encampment is very far behind the last encampment of the Regiment at Kingston.

A NEW SCHOOL IN THE THIRD WARD.—A new primary school was opened yesterday in the three-story building in Robinson street, next door to College Place, which has been very nicely fitted up for a school-house. This is the first Public School ever established in the Third Ward. Until within a year or two there were no Wards without schools except the Second and Third. Last year a primary school was opened in the Second Ward and now we have a school in the Third, so that the City does not now count as anomalous a Local Board without a school under its charge. The new primary commences with a goodly number of scholars, and after vacation many of the children of the Ward now sent to the schools in the First and Fifth Wards will attend it. The teachers are Miss Mary R. Smith, Principal, Miss Mary T. Gibbons, Vice-Principal, and Miss Thompson, Ruber and Doherty, assistants. There will be no formal opening of the school until September.

HOFFMAN, THE DEFALTEER.—The examination of Francis Hoffman, the defaulting cashier of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, will take place at 10 o'clock this morning before Justice Connolly, at Jefferson Market. Hoffman having been a long time employed in the Company's office, had ample opportunity to commit the fraud with which he is charged, but so far as ascertained, he had committed no criminal act till within the past year. He was never suspected of any delinquency until his sudden disappearance a few weeks since, just after the Company had declared a dividend. When it was fully established that he had fled from the city, a competent person was intrusted with his books, and directed to make a thorough examination of them. They were ascertained to be in a state of great disorder, and so completely confused that very little information could be derived from them. Enough was learned, however, to convince the Directors that the absconding cashier had made an overdraw of stock, but to what extent was not known. The Company resolved to pay the declared dividend on all stock presented, be it good or bad, and accordingly advertised to that effect. The result showed them that the overdraw amounted to upward of one thousand shares, and of all which the dividend was paid.

It was also discovered that in 1859, when a dividend was declared, the books were in such a condition that Hoffman must have disturbed the money in a most reckless manner. He was unable to tell how the stock was held, and was as apt to pay a person the dividend on 150 shares as on 100. He got over this difficulty, when hard pressed, by paying a portion of the amount from his own private funds. Thus, if one person called for his dividends on 100 shares, and received a check for the amount due on 150 shares, he would point out the error to Hoffman, who would apologize, and draw his own check for the right amount, placing the other to his own credit. Another person, whose check had been made out for a less sum than he was entitled to, would also receive Hoffman's individual check for the correct sum. It is estimated that the accused paid out in this manner several thousand dollars more than he received.

It is supposed that the overdraw has been effected since this transaction of 1859, and that Hoffman was driven to do it in consequence of the losses he incurred by speculating in stocks. The affidavits in the case were not prepared yesterday afternoon, but it is said they will be ready this morning. When the warrant for his arrest was issued, an affidavit was made before

Recorder Burdett, charging him with forgery. It was then alleged that the accused had altered two checks, amounting to \$1,500 which had been signed by the President of the Company. The checks had been made payable "to order," and by erasing the words and substituting "to bearer," the accused, as is supposed, had been able to draw the money for his own use. The charge against him will probably be that of forgery and embezzlement, which will include the overdraw of stock. The exact amount realized by the prisoner in his knavish transaction is not yet fully known.

DOGS.—The number of dogs drowned thus far in the big vat of the City Marshal's poundkeeper is 1,338; and the amount paid out for the catching of so many stray canines without muzzles on their faces was \$334 50. Many of the dogs are daily reclaimed by their owners. But few of a really fine breed die at the hands of the poundkeeper.

SUDDEN DEATH OF CAPT. HALSTED.—Capt. Charles Halsted of the bark Neverick, plying between this city and Newburgh, while making an up trip on Friday night was attacked with a fit of apoplexy, and died in a short time afterward. Capt. Halsted has been in the freighting business nearly forty years, and was well known in this city and along the Hudson by business men. He was about sixty years of age, and was highly respected.

DEATH FROM VIOLENCE.—Louis Hunt, lately residing at No. 161 East Eleventh street, died yesterday at Bellevue Hospital, from the effects of a stab in the side, received on the night of the 2d instant. How, or by whom the deceased was injured is not at present known. He was admitted to the Hospital by order of Mr. Kellogg, the Superintendent of Out-Door Poor, who had received a proper certificate from a physician connected with one of the Dispensaries. A Coroner's inquest will be held on the body to-day.

THE FOURTH WARD DISMISSALS.—The Finance Committee found on investigation, yesterday, that at the meeting of the Fourth Ward School officers, which made the famous dismissals, an Inspector was present and voting. This is itself sufficient to invalidate the action of the Fourth Ward officers, as the law provided that appointments and dismissals shall be made by the Trustees only. It was also proved that among the appointees was a sister of one of the Commissioners, Mr. Dougherty, and a niece of Mr. R. L. R. of the Trustees. It is contrary to law to appoint a relative of a school officer to a position as teacher.

THE MARINE SOCIETY.—The Marine Society of this port held its quarterly meeting at 6 p. m. yesterday, at the United States Hotel in Fulton street, Capt. John M. Ferrier in the chair. From the report presented, we gather that 200 members have been admitted during the past quarter, and there are 61 pensioners, widows of members, now on the list. The balance on hand at the last meeting was \$1,227 05; the receipts since have raised the sum to \$2,826 89; paid widows' pensions, \$1,243; and incidental expenses, including repairs to property, reducing the amount on hand to \$1,434 80. The Society then adjourned to supper.

THE CALL UPON ENGLISHMEN ANSWERED.—Mr. Benjamin Woodward of Worcester, Mass., telegraphs as that he will adopt the child of the late John Hart, the American seaman who was killed by a shot from the Chinese frigate while on his way with Com. Tatnall from the Powhatan to the ship of the English Admiral.

PRESENTATION.—The conductors and other employees of the Third Avenue Railroad Company met last night, at 9 o'clock, in one of the rooms of the depot, and presented to the President of the road, Wm. A. Darling, esp. a fine, large, handsomely-framed painting of the depot of the company. A presentation speech was made by Mr. Lord one of the conductors, and a brief reply by the recipient of the present. The painting is the work of Mr. William Schenck, the Superintendent of the road. Subsequently the company sat down to a collation.

SAILING MATCH.—The race for 19 feet working boats, without rudder or oars—nothing to be used outside—which was postponed from the 4th of July, on account of a scarcity of wind, came off yesterday afternoon at 3 p. m., from the Battery. All the boats which were entered, started, excepting the Dan Bryant. They sailed around Bedloe's Island and back to the Judge's boat. The first prize of \$30 was awarded to the Dan Bryant, sailed by Wm. Lee; the second prize to the Theos. Coody, sailed by Thomas Coody. Time, 1 hour, 9 minutes; second boat, 1 hour 11 minutes. Distance sailed, 41 miles.

THE TWENTY-FIRST WARD REPUBLICANS.—A regular meeting of the Twenty-First Ward Republicans was held last night at No. 475 Fourth avenue. About a dozen new members were admitted. A motion was made to adjourn, but calls for a speech from ex-Alderman McDowell prevailed, and that gentleman proceeded to address the meeting on local Republicanism in general. D. D. T. Marshall, esp., followed in a similar strain. He showed that the Republicans were by no means a kid-glove, exclusive party; on the contrary, the worst and meanest Democrats were those taking the lead in the party. He then read a letter from Mr. Marshall esp. in correct, and was attentively listened to. The attendance was full.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, FORDHAM.—The annual commencement of this College will take place at noon to-morrow. The Archbishop will preside and make an address on the occasion, and Mr. Douglas is also expected to be present.

IRON STEAMSHIPS FOR NEW-YORK.—Needle & Levy, Philadelphia, have received a contract for the building of two iron steamships, each of 1,000 tons, for Messrs. Mora Brothers, Navarro & Co., of New-York. One is to be called the "Neuvias" and the other the "Sagoo," and they are to run between New-York and the places after which they are named. Each will be 225 feet long on the deck, 32 feet deep of beam, 12 feet 3 inches depth of lower hold, and 8 feet between decks, and upon the upper decks there will be first-class accommodations for 100 passengers. The steam engines will be divided by iron bulkheads into four watertight compartments. The sheathing for bottom and sides will be of iron plates, five-eighths of an inch thick, and the deck-beams, of wrought iron, will be eight inches deep and a half inch thick. The keels, which are to be of solid, laminated iron, will be seven inches deep and three inches thick. One of the steamships has been commenced, and the other will be under way in the course of a few weeks, as both have to be completed early next year.

THE WALTON-MATTHEWS MURDER.
To the Editor of The N. Y. Tribune.
SIR: I noticed in to-day's edition of THE TRIBUNE, the following reference to the character and standing of the deceased John Walton:
"He is generally represented as a hard man, and his death may fairly have been caused by one of the principal ignorances which he had in his power. His own friends admit that he had many enemies among men engaged in that business." &c.
This statement does the deceased the greatest injustice. He was, on the contrary, kind in his intercourse with his employees, and of a lively and pleasant disposition. It is questionable whether the principal cause of his death was not the fact that he was involved by marriage, he had an enemy, or a twister in the world. He was eminently honest, and upright in all his dealings, and enjoyed the confidence and esteem of all with whom he associated, in business or social life. By inserting this you will greatly oblige me.
JUSTICE.
New-York, July 9, 1866.

The paragraph quoted above was based upon information derived by our reporter from various persons living in the Eighteenth Ward, some of whom represented themselves as friends of the deceased.

TWO GIRLS DROWNED.—On Saturday, two girls, daughters of Mr. Abraham Cohen, residing at Cedar Hill, in the town of Rock Hill, Dutchess County, were drowned while bathing in the creek at that place. One went beyond her depth, and the other, who was only a few feet from her, was unable to swim, and was drowned before assistance could reach them. The bodies were recovered shortly afterward, but were so badly injured by the cold water, and a verdict of accidental death by drowning rendered.

Prof. J. W. FOWLER of the Poughkeepsie Law School will speak in behalf of the Republican cause during the present campaign. Address Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

ANOTHER DOUBLE MURDER

A MOTHER AND CHILD SLAUGHTERED.

ARREST OF THE PERPETRATOR.

Early on Monday morning another terrible tragedy was committed in the upper part of the city. The scene of this double murder was at the corner of Eleventh avenue and Seventy-first street, a woman named Ann Schumaker and her infant boy, aged 7 months, being the victims. The child was instantly killed, and the mother beaten to a state of insensibility, and left in such a deplorable condition that there is not the slightest possibility of her recovery. The murdered woman, for she may with truth be called so, was the wife of a German gardener named John Schumaker, who owned a piece of land at the corner of Eleventh avenue and Seventy-first street, on which he cultivated vegetables for the market. His house is a little frame one, standing on a slight elevation in his field, and is a long stone's throw from any other building.

Mr. Schumaker is in the habit of rising very early in the morning, and driving to market with such produce as he may have for sale. He has in his employ during the summer two or three German laborers, who work in the garden. Two men, named Jacob Scribe and Hans Trustee, who have lately been employed by him, have been in the habit of sleeping in a back room of the house. Mr. Schumaker and his wife sleeping in a little bedroom off the front room. About 1 o'clock on Monday morning Mr. Schumaker awoke, loaded his wagon, and drove to the city. Scribe and Trustee got up at about 4 o'clock to go to their labor. They state that they found the doors all properly locked, and the house wearing its usual appearance.

Between six and seven o'clock the men, surprised that Mrs. Schumaker had not summoned them to breakfast as usual, went to the house to see what the trouble was. They were astonished to find that there was no fire in the stove, and that Mrs. Schumaker had not yet arisen. One of them immediately proceeded to her bedroom, and on opening the door found her lying unconscious on the cushioned bed, her head and face bruised and lacerated in a most horrible manner, while by her side lay her infant child with the top of its head crushed in and quite dead. He raised an alarm immediately, and the neighbors came flocking to the scene of murder. Among the first on the ground were two policemen of the Twenty-second Ward. Assisted by the neighbors, they removed the dead body of the infant, and all that was possible for the comfort and relief of the injured woman, until the arrival of a physician.

Michael Snyder, deceased—An Sergeant of the Twenty-second Precinct: I was at the Station-House when the prisoner was brought in; I asked him where he had the knife, and he told me he had it in his pocket. He said he had been in the room at the time of the murder, and that he had seen the prisoner. He said he had been in the room at the time of the murder, and that he had seen the prisoner. He said he had been in the room at the time of the murder, and that he had seen the prisoner.

George B. Boutwell, M. D., testified—I made a post mortem examination of the body of the child, and found marks of violence on the right side of the face; there was an indentation of the forehead, corresponding to the size of the handle of the hammer, and the skull was fractured, and the frontal bone was driven into the brain; in my opinion these injuries caused the child's death.

The case was then submitted to the Jury by the Coroner, and after but a few moments deliberation they returned a verdict of guilty, and with fine and imprisonment. The prisoner, who was named Francis Hoffman, came to his death from injuries received at the hands of Francis Hoffman.

When the verdict was announced, the usual questions were put to the prisoner, in response to which he gave a name, age, and occupation as above stated. When asked what he had to say in reference to the charge made against him he simply replied "not guilty." He is a slight built man of medium height, has a dark complexion, and something of an idiotic expression. Nothing is known regarding him more than is contained in the above evidence, but his wife manifests a great aversion to him. He is unable to speak English, and all questions were put to him through an interpreter. He was committed to the Tombs by the Coroner to answer the charge of murder.

BROOKLYN ITEMS.
LINCOLN PIONEER CLUB OF EAST BROOKLYN.—The officers of the Club are: F. W. Webb, President; Messrs. William Sullivan, Geo. Lewis, and Geo. W. Reques, Vice-Presidents; Mr. M. Donahue, Recording Secretary; L. E. Wiebe, Jr., Corresponding Secretary; James Patten, Treasurer. Executive Committee: Messrs. B. B. Coles, Luke C. Hyder, John Bradshaw, Thomas Nelson, and G. W. Reyna. The Lincoln Pioneers will erect a wigwam on Fulton avenue, and if they continue to receive members at the rate they have been, it will be one of the largest clubs in the city. The next regular meeting will take place at the school house of Mr. Platts, on Fulton avenue, near Hunter street, on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock.

DEATH OF A CATHOLIC MISSIONARY.—The Rev. Father Garaghty, Curate of the Church of "Our Lady of Mercy," died yesterday morning of chronic consumption. Deceased had been sent from Ireland to this country as a missionary about nine months since.

BROOKLYN COMMON COUNCIL.—The Board met last evening, the President in the chair. A communication from the Mayor was received relative to the sale of the property of the late John Schumaker, and recommending the same to the Common Council. The subject was referred to the Law Committee to draft an ordinance to protect the purchasers of lots sold by the Tax Collector.

A communication from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department was received, complaining of a defective hose with which the Department is provided, and asking for 5,000 feet of good hose. The subject was referred to the Joint Fire Department Committee.

The Counselor of the Board presented a communication relative to a proposition to build a new fire station in the Twenty-second Ward, and the Board of Education, contending that an appropriation was due to the XXVth District (Twenty Ward).

Mr. O'KEEFE presented a resolution recommending Patrick S. Mehan as a member of the Board of Education. After some discussion, the subject was dropped, and the Counselor's opinion was passed on.

Mr. KALBFLEISCH submitted a communication in vindication of his own action in relation to the Albany Committee relating to one-cent ferriage, being in a meeting of Mr. Dayton's statement made at the previous meeting. The communication was placed upon the minutes.

A number of petitions were presented, and the Board adjourned.

FIRES.—About 11 o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the back store of Mr. John Haddock, No. 6 Grand street. E. D. It was caused by some children playing with matches. On Sunday night an alarm of fire was caused by the burning of a bed lamp in the cellar of a house at No. 40 West street near Fourth street. E. D. It was put out without the assistance of the firemen. The damage at each of these fires was \$100.

A stable owned by J. M. McGill in Sedgewick street, near Columbus street, was destroyed by fire on Sunday night. No horses were injured. The loss is about \$700. Partially insured in the Monmouth Insurance Co.

ARREST OF AN ALLEGED HORSE-THIEF.—Sergeant Quinn of the Twenty-second Precinct, on Sunday night, arrested a man named Wm. Wippenhoff, residing in Grand street, E. D., who is charged with stealing a horse from Mr. James Bradshaw, of No. 100 West street, on Sunday night. The man, who is a German, was taken to the Station-House, where he was held for examination.

THE WEST WASHINGTON MARKET CASE.
SUPREME COURT—CHAMBERS—JULY 9.—Before Justice Ingraham.
This case was continued to-day. Mr. McKee concluded the reading of his argument, and denounced the judgment of the lower court as a great wrong, and that it was a plain case of fraud. He believed that there was a conspiracy between the parties to the case to defraud the public, and that the judgment of the lower court was a mere device to carry out the purpose of the parties. He concluded his argument by saying that he believed the judgment of the lower court to be a fraud on the public, and that he believed the Supreme Court to be the only body that could do justice to the public in this case.

Mr. McKee then read a list of names of persons who had been named in his argument, and who he believed to be parties to the fraud. He then concluded his argument by saying that he believed the judgment of the lower court to be a fraud on the public, and that he believed the Supreme Court to be the only body that could do justice to the public in this case.

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